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Aloha, Nancy.

I am a teacher on the west side of Maui. My students and I share a love of the ocean, and we recently took a field trip where we got to go snorkeling and take pictures of the beautiful fish in Kapalua Bay. We learned a lot about the coral that lives there and also about the symbiotic relationship it has with algac. The kids all agree that it is the best field trip we've ever taken.

In addition to this hands-on experience, I took an ocean awareness class and learned even more information that I got to share with my students. For example, half of the US coral reefs are in fair or poor condition. Hawaii has 85% of all US reefs. 75% of the main Hawaiian reef fishes are depleted or in critical condition due to the condition of the reefs. We need these organisms. Did you know that 50% of the cancer medications we have today are derived from reef organisms? That's huge.

As you can imagine, they were disturbed when I told them about the possibility of the injection well permit being renewed. I told them that we have an opportunity to e-mail you about our concerns, and each of my 6 children wanted to contribute. The following statements were written by them:

*Cassidy: I don't like the extra nitrogen from the injection wells to flow into the lovely ocean. I want North America to be as pretty as possible. I don't want any kind of fish to die and be killed in North America.*

*Akiva: I say stop because you're killing the coral and hurting the reef and making fish*

sick.

*Danielle: I say stop because you are killing the coral. I think you must not know that you're killing fish, coral, and sea creatures.*

*Erin: Stop! You are hurting the fish. Please stop.*

*Dante: I don't like the stuff that you put in the ocean because it's killing the coral.*

*Griffin: I don't like the injection sites because they have too much nitrogen and it makes the algae grow like CRAZY! And everything dies and gets sick. Even us! So please, NO! NO! NO! NO! No more!*

I appreciate you taking the time to read our concerns. Please make the right decision for our oceans, our kids, and our future.

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